

West Michigan Academy of Arts and Academics
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Board Meeting Minutes – May 28, 2013 - Approved
6:30 PM
(Please Note Time Change)

- I. **Call to Order** – President Matt Butler called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM
- II. **Roll Call** – Present : Matt Butler (President), Carrie Tulloch (Vice-President), Marcia Rappleye (Secretary/Treasurer), Leon Stille (Board Member), Jamie LeRoux (Board Member), Chad Nader (Board Member). Also present Travis Thomsen (Director), Cathy Cantu (Assistant Director), Liz Johnson (Administrative Services Coordinator), Errol Goldman (Board Attorney), Dan Matthews (G.V.S.U. Rep)
Absent: John Weaver (Board Member)
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. **Approval of Agenda** – M. Butler added board photo to the agenda, under New Business, item E, swearing into oath of office for C. Tulloch and J. LeRoux and nomination resolution for J. LeRoux, moved the June meeting date from the 25th to the 26th. A motion was made by C. Nader, supported by M. Rappleye to approve the agenda as amended. All in favor 6-0. Motion passed.
- V. **Closed Session to Review Written Legal Opinion** – the board went into closed session at 6:41 PM. A roll call vote was taken. M. Butler – aye, C. Tulloch – aye, M. Rappleye – aye, L. Stille – aye, J. LeRoux – aye, C. Nader – aye. J. Weaver arrived at 6:50 PM. A motion was made by C. Tulloch, supported by M. Rappleye to come out of closed session at 7:03 PM. A roll call vote was taken. M. Butler – aye, C. Tulloch – aye, M. Rappleye – aye, L. Stille – aye, J. LeRoux – aye, C. Nader – aye, J. Weaver – aye. All in favor 7-0. Motion passed.
- VI. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. **Special Meeting Minutes – May 14, 2013** – A motion was made by M. Rappleye, supported by C. Tulloch to approve the minutes as written. All in favor 7-0. Motion passed.
- VII. **Financial Report** – L. Johnson reported.
- VIII. **Correspondence**
- IX. **Committee Reports**
 - A. **Director’s Report** - T. Thomsen reported that our third graders will participate in a study with Dr. Susan Harrington regarding stability balls and students. The Academy will receive an honorarium of \$500.00 for participating. AdvancEd was here last week conducting a review and the Academy passed, with one required action item, to develop an administrative and teacher evaluation system which we are already working on. T. Thomsen presented highlights of his self evaluation.
 - B. **G.V.S.U. Report** - D. Matthews congratulated the Academy on the successful AdvancEd accreditation visit. The Academy will be an academic grant in the amount of \$17,400.00.
 - C. **Director Evaluation** – C. Tulloch thanked everyone for their input.
- X. **Old Business**
 - A. **Construction Project Update** – T. Thomsen reported there is a revised construction schedule, the pre-caster company will move us up in their schedule so we can maintain the schedule, guaranteed max price is set under \$2.7 million and includes whiteboards and lockers, the cost to move the playground will be between \$16-20 K, and it would cost approximately \$6 K to clear and level the playground area. A motion was made by L. Stille, supported by C. Tulloch to approve up to \$20 K to move the playground. All in favor 7-0. Motion passed. A motion was made by L. Stille, supported by C. Tulloch to approve \$6 K for leveling and grating. All in favor 7-0. Motion passed.
 - B. **Capital Campaign Update** – C. Tulloch updated the board.
- XI. **New Business**

- A. **Approval of the Second Amended 2012-2013 Budget** – A motion was made by C. Tulloch, supported by M. Rappleye to approve the second amended 2012-2013 budget. All in favor 7-0. Motion passed.
- B. **Approval of the Best Practices Incentive Resolution** – A motion was made by L. Stille, supported by C. Tulloch to approve the best practices incentive resolution. All in favor 7-0. Motion passed.
- C. **Approval of the Revised 2012-2013 School Calendar** – T. Thomsen reported we would be removing June 10th from the calendar. A motion was made by C. Tulloch, supported by C. Nader to approve the revised 2012-2013 school calendar. All in favor 7-0. Motion passed.
- D. **Approval of the 2013-2014 School Calendar** – T. Thomsen reported there will be 173 days of school, instead of 170 in case we run into snow day issues. There will also be half day professional development days instead of full days. A motion was made by C. Tulloch, supported by M. Rappleye to approve the 2013-2014 school calendar. All in favor 7-0. Motion passed.
- E. **Oath of Office** – M. Butler swore in J. LeRoux and C. Tulloch, with their terms ending in 2016.
- XII. **Public Comments** – There was one public comment.
- XIII. **Topics for Next Meeting**
Construction Update
Capital Campaign Update
Approval of the final amended 2012-2013 budget
Public Hearing for the draft 2013-2014 budget
Organizational meeting
- XIV. **Next Meeting Date** – June 26, 2013
- XV. **Adjournment** – M. Butler adjourned the meeting at 8:51 PM

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